

Reading Group Guide for
Silence in the Dark
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1. When *Silence in the Dark* opens, ten-year-old Bailey Adams goes through a terrible experience that affects her throughout the book. Did you (or anyone you have known) experience something in your childhood that affected your life as an adult?
2. What are some ways adults can help children overcome experiences like Bailey went through?
3. Danny felt that Bailey chose God over him when she broke their engagement and went to Mexico. Do you agree with him?
4. Bailey didn't trust God to take care of her, even though she was a missionary. Why do you think that even someone who serves God can have doubts?
5. Kate tells Bailey to give her fear to God. And her response is that she does, but she picks it right back up again. Have you ever done that? How do you think God feels when we give him a problem and take it right back?
6. Bailey asks her mother why God lets bad things happen. How would you have answered? Or would your response have been the same as Kate's?
7. *Silence in the Dark* is about trust. Do you ever struggle with trusting God?
8. Bailey questioned God on more than one occasion. Is it wrong to question? How do you think God responds when we question him?
9. If Danny and Bailey had married instead of Bailey breaking the engagement, do you think the marriage would have lasted? Why or why not?
10. Do you believe that God sees the whole picture and sometimes says no to our requests because we're not ready? How do you respond to God's "not yet" responses?
11. Have you had God to say no to something and then years later say yes? If you'd received the yes earlier, what would have been the results?